

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **STATE DELEGATION APPRECIATION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in the last session of the Alabama State Legislature local bills were advertised for enactment that would have de-annexed 263 acres from the City of Madison; and

**WHEREAS**, said property had been part of the City of Madison and a valuable part of its tax base for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, said property has been planned for a major commercial development that would significantly boost the City's tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of this legislation would have set dangerous precedent and damaged the bond rating of every municipality in the State of Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Tom Butler provided the first notice to the City of Madison of this threat to its territorial integrity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senators Butler and Orr blocked introduction of the legislation in the Senate, and Representatives Ball and McCutcheon acted to block consideration by the House; and,

**WHEREAS**, the unstinting efforts of Senator Butler, Senator Orr, Representative Ball, and Representative McCutcheon resulted in the defeat of said de-annexation legislation,

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Arthur S. Kirkindall, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim July 23, 2007

**as**

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in the City of Madison, Alabama and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of our Senators and Representatives on behalf of the City of Madison.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2007.

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Arthur S. Kirkindall, Mayor

